Carmel, NY – Congressman John Hall (NY-19) announced today that his District Office in Carmel is accepting nomination requests through Friday, September 24 for the United States service academies—including the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy—for the classes entering in the summer of 2011.

Before requesting a nomination, students should have already opened an admissions file at their respective academy.

"Nominating a young man or woman for acceptance into one of the service academies is one of my greatest privileges," said Rep. Hall. "The honor of attending a service academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military and protect America at home and abroad."

The nomination request should include the student's name and address, phone number, email address, date of birth, and the academy he or she hopes to attend. Upon receipt of the request, which will be accepted by phone, email, fax or written inquiry, Congressman Hall's staff will send the student a nomination packet with an application and a checklist of the required materials. Nomination packets are due by Friday, September 24.

The applicants will be selected based on a variety of characteristics and attributes. Appointments to the service academies are not only contingent upon the receipt of a nomination, but also upon meeting the criteria and standards of the academies themselves.

For those with additional questions or interested in learning more about the Service Academy Nominations process please contact Rich Winters, District Representative, in Congressman Hall's Carmel District Office at 845-808-1157.